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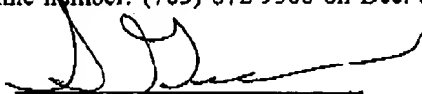
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In response to the Office Action mailed November 26, 2003, applicant hereby elects what the Examiner identified as Species I-claims 1-8, 9-12 and 15-21 and Species X-claims 5-7 and 22-26. Please telephone the undersigned with any questions.

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